

MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: October 17, 2013

Agenda Item: Snowmobile Grooming Grants

Division: Parks **Action Needed:** Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 min.

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Background (Brief description of the issue, decision to be made, history, etc.):

Montana's Snowmobile Program provides annual grooming grants to organized Clubs statewide for their winter operational funding. As an annual component of the Snowmobile Grooming Grant Program, the proposed list of grants to Montana's Snowmobile Clubs and the respective funding amounts was issued for public review and comment. The comment period extended from August 10th through September 10th.

Public Involvement Process & Results (Brief description of the type of public involvement and summary of what we heard from the public):

During the 30-day public comment period, three comments were received. All of the comments were supportive of the Program and/or an individual Snowmobile Club.

Alternatives and Analysis (Brief description of alternative solutions with analysis of the pros and cons of each):

<u>Alt. #1</u> – grant the 27 Montana Snowmobile Clubs the \$390,000 in grooming funds for the 2013/2014 winter season as proposed.

Alt. #2 – modify/reduce to proposed grooming fund allocation in some manner other than as proposed.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale (Brief description of our recommendation to the Board and the reasons for it):

Award the \$390,000 in grooming funds as proposed for the 2013/2014 grooming season

Proposed Motion (Draft language the Board could use to adopt the agency recommendation):

I move the Board concur with the agency decision to award the \$390,000 in grooming funds to Montana's 27 recognized Snowmobile Clubs for the upcoming 2013/2014 snowmobile season.